



Polk County News

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SOME IMPORTANT DATES

July 18, 2008	Deadline to enroll in 2005, 2006, 2007 Livestock Compensation Program and Livestock Indemnity Program
August 1, 2008	Last day to file County Committee Election nomination forms
August 1, 2008	Last day to request a 2008 reconstitution
August 15, 2008	Extended acreage reporting deadline
September 30, 2008	Deadline to sign up for 2008 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP)
November 3, 2008	County Committee Election Ballots mailed to eligible voters in LLA 3
December 1, 2008	Last day to return voted County Committee Election Ballots to FSA
January 1, 2009	Elected committee member and alternate take office

2008 DCP SIGNUP IS NOW UNDERWAY

Signup for the 2008 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) is now underway. The deadline for all individuals or entities that receive a share of the payment to physically sign the contract and file it with the FSA office is **September 30, 2008**. Please call us to make an appointment or stop by the office. An advance phone call is helpful so we can prepare your files and, therefore, minimize your time in the office.

For eligibility requirements, please be prepared to tell us if there have been any changes in your farming operation, such as changing ownership from an individual to an entity (a trust, for example). If you have changed to an entity, you will need to provide copies of the entity papers in addition to filing other paperwork.

A change in the 2008 Farm Bill does **not allow** farms with 10 base acres or less to receive direct or counter-cyclical payments **unless** that farm is wholly owned by socially disadvantaged or limited resource farmers or ranchers.

2008 ACREAGE REPORTING DEADLINE EXTENDED

The 2008 acreage reporting deadline was recently extended to **August 15, 2008** due to the delay in announcing provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill. **Please note: NAP participants must file an acreage report no later than 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or by August 15, 2008, whichever comes earlier.** Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. If you have not yet completed your 2008 crop report, please call our office as soon as possible to set up an appointment.

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM 2005-2007 QUALITY LOSSES

The US Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Crop Disaster Program 2005-2007 (CDP) provides benefits to farmers who suffered quality losses (as well as quantity losses) from natural disasters and
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related conditions to 2005, 2006 or 2007 crops. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year for which to receive benefits. They may receive benefits for multiple crop losses if all were in the same crop year.

To receive CDP benefits for quality losses, farmers must have:

- had crop insurance or been covered under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the disaster year that the quality loss occurred.
- suffered quality losses to an eligible 2005, 2006 and 2007 crop
- complied with Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation provisions for the 2005, 2006 and 2007 crop year and
- been entitled to an ownership share of the crop

For more information about quality losses, please contact Laurie Johnson at the Polk County Farm Service Agency, 503-623-2396 ext 102 or stop in the office.

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